

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1 (currently amended): A radiation image storage panel comprising a substrate and a phosphor layer which is produced on the substrate by gas phase deposition and composed of prismatic phosphors, wherein the phosphor layer has a relative density higher or the same on a lower side closer to the substrate than or as on an upper side farther from the substrate, and the prismatic phosphors have a diameter which is larger on thea upper side than on thea lower side.

2 (original). The radiation image storage panel of claim 1, wherein the relative density of the phosphor layer decreases from the lower side to the upper side, while the diameter of the prismatic phosphors increases from the lower side to the upper side.

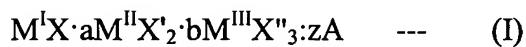
3 (original). The radiation image storage panel of claim 1, wherein the prismatic phosphors have a mean diameter in the range of 0.1 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  on both of the upper side and lower side.

4 (currently amended): The radiation image storage panel of claim 1, wherein the relative density of the phosphor layer is in the range of 0.75 to 0.96 on both of the upper side and lower side.

Claim 5 (canceled).

6 (original). The radiation image storage panel of claim 1, wherein the phosphor is a stimulable phosphor.

7 (original): The radiation image storage panel of claim 6, wherein the stimulable phosphor is an alkali metal halide phosphor having the formula (I):



in which  $M^I$  is at least one alkali metal element selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Rb and Cs;  $M^{II}$  is at least one alkaline earth metal element or divalent metal element selected from the group consisting of Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ni, Cu, Zn and Cd;  $M^{III}$  is at least one rare earth element or trivalent metal element selected from the group consisting of Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Al, Ga and In; each of each of  $X$ ,  $X'$  and  $X''$  independently is at least one halogen selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br and I;  $A$  is at least one rare earth element or metal element selected from the group consisting of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Mg, Cu, and Bi; and  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $z$  are numbers satisfying the conditions of  $0 \leq a < 0.5$ ,  $0 \leq b < 0.5$  and  $0 < z < 1.0$ , respectively.

8 (currently amended): The radiation image storage panel of claim 7, wherein the stimulable phosphor is an europium activated cesium bromide phosphor.